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Early Deadline

Due to the Family Day long weekend, the deadline for advertising and news submissions for the Feb. 17 issue will be 10 a.m. Wednesday, Feb. 11. Have a great weekend, everyone!



New face in PC
race

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Vicki Brooker photo

Elk Point Elementary School's Winter Walkers

Elk Point Elementary School students, staff and volunteers turned out in full force on Wednesday for the annual Alberta Winter Walk Day spearheaded by SHAPE (Safe Healthy Active People Everywhere), with the clouds blowing off to the east and the sun coming out just in time to cheer on the walkers.

New president, committees, membership category for chamber

VICKI BROOKER
Review Staff

Elk Point and District Chamber of Commerce enjoyed a healthy increase in attendance at last week's Annual General Meeting, as members elected a new president, appointed committee chairs and added a redefined membership category before launching the 2015 membership campaign.

Jonny Nielsen, who served as acting president for much of the 2003-04 term, was elected as the chamber's new president, replacing Debra McQuinn, who chose not to seek reelection. The balance of the executive, vice-president Dwayne Yaremkevich, treasurer Geoff Hyslop and secretary Vicki Brooker, were returned to their positions by acclamation.

After a number of years without volunteers coming forth to head committees, the chamber finally has almost a full roster. Hyslop will take care of membership and finance, Brooker will continue in tourism, Leanne Gilbert and Lesia Porcina volunteered for the Special Events committee, and Lyle Frisby indicated that he would head the chamber's Economic Development committee. The lone vacancy is on the Agriculture committee, where a volunteer is yet to be found. An audit committee was also formed, with

Lesia Porcina and Ron Smith willing to check over the 2014 figures.

The current business membership fee of \$100 will be continued again in 2016, and the chamber added a category for individuals or home business owners who do not have employees, with a \$50 membership fee.

Meetings will continue to be held on a monthly basis, at noon on the first Wednesday of each month

Bylaw review

One task for the new executive in the coming year will be to revise the bylaws, which has not been done since 2004, when Rod Randall and the late Sid Holthe gave them a thorough going-over. The new bylaws will be ready to be made official at the 2016 AGM.

Back to business

With the necessary beginning-of-the-year business taken care of, members received an update on a topic of concern from the January meeting. Melanie Poulin read the letter that she sent to the Town of Elk Point as head of the town's now-dissolved Economic Development committee, asking the status of the funds collected for business licenses for use by that committee, and the reply sent by council, which indicated the funds had been used for new downtown Christmas lighting and for the EcoCentre's outdoor washroom.

"I'm not impressed," Poulin said. "As a business

person, I feel I have been deceived." She added that this year's business license invoices also say the funds are going to the economic development committee, although that body was no longer in place.

Town manager Myron Goyan indicated that council has now formed a new economic development committee, consisting of the mayor and council, and said council had disbanded the former committee when a long period went by without hearing any input or communication from them, that being part of the committee's mandate.

Mircea Panciuk suggested that the chamber's new economic development committee sit down with the town to discuss the matter.

Rezoning was also on the agenda, with the new president not pleased with the town's decision not to make any objection at a public hearing regarding a parcel of agricultural land east of Elk Point to industrial. "The town spent a lot of money building an industrial park," Nielsen noted, adding that the area in question is within the zone slated for future town expansion in the master plan.

"The chamber has a mandate (to keep an eye on future development)," Nielsen said. "We are the guard dogs holding the town and county accountable for future development."

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Local groups present views to Rural Health Review Committee

VICKI BROOKER
Review Staff

The Rural Health Services Review Committee visited St. Paul on Thursday, as part of its second phase of consultations with rural Albertans regarding the availability, barriers and solutions in accessing rural health services and making the best use of existing facilities. The first phase concentrated on communities with populations of 1,250 and under, the second deals with communities with between 1,250 and 10,000 residents.

The committee, chaired by Vermilion-Lloydminster MLA Dr. Richard Starke, and also including Alberta Medical Association past president Dr. Allan Garbutt, a rural physician from the Crowsnest Pass, heard submissions from several local groups, including a delegation from Elk Point led by former Deputy Mayor Bernice Capjack and Alberta Council on Aging (ACA) Region 2 president Diana Anderson, who is also part of the Lakeland Community Health Advisory Committee. ACA Region 2 vice-president Paul Boisvert, secretary Theresa McNamara, communications director Sandy Kummetz and director Donna Chamberland were also part of the delegation, along with Sharon Smith of the Elk Point and District Chamber of Commerce. Smith, Capjack and Anderson also sit on the Elk Point Interagency Health Committee and the Doctor and Staffing Recruitment and Retention Committee.

"Our district covers eight communities and three reserves. I spoke on behalf of these surrounding communities that use our health care centre," Capjack said following the meeting. "Our small businesses depend on these communities, and it would be detrimental to them as well to take away acute care facilities. We need to keep what we have, and improve on it." Elk Point currently has acute and emergency service, long-term care, the health unit, the local ambulance service and a helipad for STARS, and has the capacity to handle overflow from health centres in St. Paul and Bonnyville when needed.

Capjack's presentation to the committee answered the questions that had been posed. To become more

involved in health care decisions impacting the community, she said that local autonomy would allow the centre to respond to the community's needs, and noted, "AHS' 'one size fits all' doesn't work in rural Alberta." She added that decisions should be made on facts, not politics.

To ensure more local decision-making and better rural representation in the health care system, Capjack suggested that facilities with 100 or less beds should be given a budget, based on the past three years, to operate within, with facility managers having authority to make decisions and hire staff. Equipment and supplies could be obtained using existing provincial contracts and the province could oversee quality assurance on standards of care and infection control with quarterly reporting. "This would eliminated the need for current layers of bureaucracy and would allow flexibility and team building, boost staff morale, improve services and save dollars."

A question regarding opportunities for setting up a health co-operative in the community was answered with, "None. We do not feel this is a viable proposal," due to cost of implementation and the need for constant scrutiny to ensure standards were being met. Instead, "we propose to have local boards made up of elected representatives from the town and county, with honorariums and expenses covered by the town and county. It would have no cost to AHS and would ensure accountability to the community."

Capjack noted that auxiliaries and volunteer groups often raise large amounts of funds to purchase equipment for health centres, and are frustrated by the delays they encounter in being able to do so.

Telehealth and mobile services were considered to be valuable, for example, the stroke unit in Two Hills, which is an excellent service, she said. The self-help line is good for referrals but cannot diagnose over the phone, "and in emergency situations, you call the ambulance, as you have to see a doctor anyway." Neither did she see a benefit from Primary Care Networks. "The same services were available before PCNS at less cost to the taxpayer."

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PC nomination committee turfed, MP Storseth seeks to become PC MLA

JANANI WHITFIELD
Review Staff

Shortly after nominations had closed on Jan. 26 for the PC candidacy in the Lac La Biche-St. Paul-Two Hills riding, PC Alberta blew up the process, stating the local PC Association had violated the party constitution and disregarded the rules.

The former nomination committee was removed and nominations were extended, and long-time local MP Brian Storseth announced the next day that he would also be putting his name in the hat to represent the riding.

"I think it's been a head-turning experience for all of us," Storseth said of all the changes in the election process, speaking to a crowd of nearly 40 friends and supporters gathered at the St. Paul Lions Den last Tuesday night.

Storseth said he had been interested in seeking the nomination while it was open, but faced a "negative campaign" and personal attacks against him and his family.

"It made me take a second look at it," he said, adding his wife encouraged him to stand up for himself and run alongside others in the race. Those previously declared candidates include former Lakeland County councillor Jeff Dechaine, current St. Paul Mayor Glenn Andersen, St. Paul area school board executive Darrell Younghans, and Joanne Penner, whose experience includes being an Official Agent for the Conservative Party of Canada, and a St. Paul - Westlock EDA board member.

Penner, who is also Storseth's stepmother, confirmed she will no

longer be running, saying, "With Brian in the race I now feel like this riding will have the opportunity to be very well represented."



BRIAN STORSETH, seeking a change to provincial politics, has joined the race for the Lac La Biche - St. Paul - Two Hills PC nomination.

Storseth had announced his intention not to re-run for election as the Conservative MP in the newly created Lakeland riding, but he said dropping oil prices, the impact on the provincial budget, the province's reliance on oil, its health care and health care delivery were factors in his decision to run as an MLA.

Referencing his three years of experience as a municipal councillor, his 10 years of experience in federal politics, and his time as a businessman, he said, "people with unique experience like I have shouldn't be stepping away." He stated one of his goals was to fight for a new hospital for St. Paul.

"It's too important to walk away at this time," he said, noting it would be "naïve" to believe the campaign might not be negative. However, he said he was willing to sit down with people of all political stripes to work together for the constituency.

Storseth publicly supported Wildrose candidate Shayne Saskiw in the hard-fought and divisive 2012 election that saw Saskiw prevail over long-time PC incumbent and former cabinet minister Ray Danyluk.

Storseth acknowledged in an interview after the meeting that this led to some bitterness post-election, but said he campaigned with Saskiw because he didn't support the premier of the time, Alison Redford.

However, he has worked with Prentice, a former federal cabinet minister, and calls him "the real deal."

"I truly believe he is the right choice to lead this province," he said.

He spoke of the need for new energy in the constituency, seeking to distance himself from past politics, saying, "I'm not part of the old boys' club."

Local nomination committee removed
Executive director of PC Alberta Kelley Charlebois said it was a difficult decision to remove the local nomination committee and returning officer.

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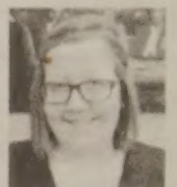
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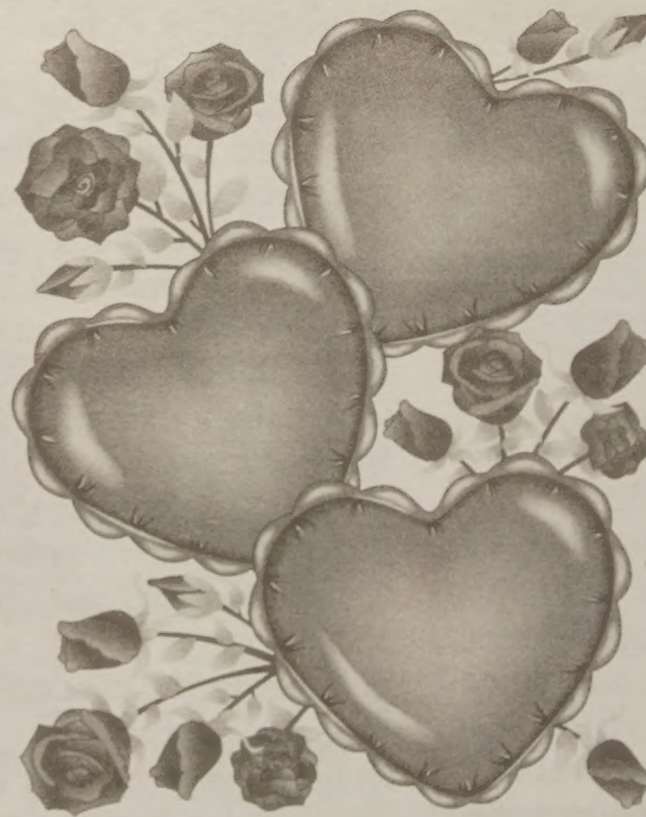
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EDITORIAL

Falling sky is only temporary

With plummeting oil prices came dire predictions along the line of the old fairy tale, Chicken Little: "The sky is falling and I'm going to tell the King."

The sky, like the oil prices, was certainly falling late last week - we swept inches of it off our vehicles. But it didn't keep falling forever, and neither will the oil prices.

This is a situation that has happened over and over in the years since oil production became a major player in our local economy. However, every time the prices fell, they eventually came back up again. Why would this time be any different?

Yes, it's a time when money will get tight, we may have to back off on projects and quit spending like there's no tomorrow, but the price will go up, and the sky will be back where we want it to be.

Stay calm, and think positive!

YOUR VIEWS

Hit-and-run disappointing

To the Editor:

It was a disappointing start to what we thought would be spreading the word of Kindness and promoting our upcoming STAND UP Kindness / RAK (Random Acts of Kindness) Week.

During semester change for the high school students last week, two Grade 12 P.U.P members (Practitioners of Underground Philanthropy, our school leadership group) joined me to invite businesses to take part in our upcoming anti-bullying awareness initiative. The wind was blown out of our enthusiastic sails when we returned to discover that someone had run into the car. I am not talking about a parking lot ding; I am talking over \$2,000 worth of damage!

Needless to say I felt sick when I tried to open the door and heard and felt the grinding of metal on metal and that inevitable snap when it pops past the bent fender. Being a mentor for our great students and a person who believes in staying positive and calm, it was truly difficult not to break down in tears right there on the spot. I was in shock!

How could this happen? We were parked facing north in front of Rona at 2:30 on a Wednesday afternoon! The street is wide! The street is clear of ice and snow! How does someone hit a car, drive away and not leave any information? I had students with me, what does this show them about their community and people who are old enough to have a license and, I would hope, insurance?

I realize that times are tough right now; they are tough for everyone. What about doing the right thing? I am frustrated and I am angry. What does this teach our kids? What does this do to trust and taking responsibility for our actions?

I am hoping someone reading this knows something that will help put some resolve to this frustrating situation. We had PLPD on the car, now we will have to pay the complete cost of the repairs ourselves, due to someone else's negligence. If anybody had seen a silver car get hit or backed into on the afternoon of January 28th, please contact the RCMP.

As we STAND UP for all things good and kind, let's hope that whomever made a bad life choice will reflect and then come forward.

Sherry Bower-Gagne
F. G. Miller High School



WAY BACK WHEN....

Positive study, withdrawn offer, abrupt halt

HERE'S THE NEWS THAT MADE THE HEADLINES OF THE LAKELAND REVIEW AND ELK POINT REVIEW FOR THE WEEK OF FEB 10 IN...

1985

The Community Impact Assessment Committee, chaired by June Stone, celebrated completion of their seven-month project, which resulted in what Northern Alberta Development Council's Rick Sloan called "One of the most positive studies I've been involved with." The Town of Elk Point and Alberta Transportation met to discuss the widening of Highway 41 through Elk Point.

1990

Larry Pearson of Alberta Culture Historic Sites displayed plans for development of the Fort George and Buckingham House historic site at the chamber of commerce annual meeting, where Millie Orr was voted in as president, Dave Yake as vice president, Mark Wilson as treasurer and Vicki Brooker as secretary. Elk Point and District Agricultural Society voted to withdraw their offer to purchase 35 acres of land in Elk Point's north subdivision for an agricultural pavilion and fair grounds after 17 ratepayers showed up to protest the sale and presented a 200-signature petition against the development.

1995

Close to 300 concerned district residents packed the Seniors' Recreation Centre in response to a draft paper on health care delivery in the Lakeland Health Region that listed Elk Point among 10 hospitals slated to

change from acute care facilities to community health centres. F. G. Miller Senior Girls Crusaders basketball team was on a 22-game winning streak, with coach Ray Danyluk calling them "a balanced team and a good bench, a team that is a pleasure to coach."

2000

The 17th Annual Elk Point Oilmen's Bonspiel came to an abrupt halt when a Freon leak softened the ice, with only the Grand Challenge event, where Roger Van Den Bossche and his Reid's Welding rink defeated Bar Engineering, being able to complete their final game. A third generation president was elected at the Elk Point Chamber of Commerce annual meeting, with Eugene Buck following in the footsteps of his father Ed, who led the group in the late 1980s, and his maternal grandfather, Eugene McDonnell, who was the chamber's founding president in 1938.

2005

F. G. Miller High School welcomed a long awaited group of French Exchange participants from St. Charles École Secondaire in Pont-Rouge, Québec as they arrived for a six-day Alberta experience. When not a single ticket was sold for the "From the Heart" Valentine's dinner, the organizers switched to Plan "B" and agreed to go ahead with the jamboree part of the program, designed to raise funds for the Canadian Red Cross Tsunami Relief Fund.

2010

Leonard Gadowski's hopes to gain the title of the skip with the most grand challenge wins to his credit were nipped in the bud when Steve Penz and the E-Can Oilfield Services rink defeated them in their first game at the Oilmen's Bonspiel, sending Gadowski to the D Event and starting Penz on his way to the championship title. A musty-eyed Doug Bassett was named 2010 Oilman of the Year at the bonspiel banquet, where longtime friend George Hahn presented him with a trophy topped with a golden drilling rig.

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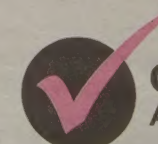


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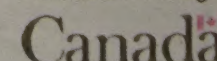
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Peewees win Provincial series

Outside on Friday night the storm had almost blown itself out, but inside the Peewee Avalanche onslaught still hammered away. Playing against Saddle Lake in their second game of the two-game, total-point series, winning this one 10 to 6, thus winning the series, sending them to the third round in the near future against Marwayne. The coaching staff of Marty Bendixen and Tyson Stafford have brought this group a long way since the beginning of the year; but let's face it, these were two of the best players that every laced up a pair of skates in the Elk Point minor hockey system; so naturally they are going to pass on the skills they have learned. A hat trick for team captain Connor "Coast to Coast" Lychak. Slick stick handling "Lightning Liam" Ludlage with a goal and adding three assists. Devon "Naz" Nazarchuk doing damage with two and adding four assists. Jace "the Stafford Streak" hammering one from the point, his sidekick, Evan "Batman" Ockerman doing the same, blasting a bullet from the point. Charlie "Angel" Rogal with two goals and four trips to the sin bin. If this keeps up we may have to consider a name change! Defense woman "Raging Paige" Henderson had the green light all night; she would build up a head of steam by carrying the puck around behind the net in her own end, blow by the blue line, red line and right into to the opposition zone before dishing it off. She has a couple of assists for her efforts. Her towering brother, silent "Sam I Am" Henderson with an assist too. Some real solid game forechecking in this game for Brandon Goertzen and Dallas "Cowboy" Bristow. Brandon "Bart" James showing us his blazing speed back checking. Goalie Ronan "Radar" Poulin between the pipes coming up with some timely saves.

Packing their bags, the peewees took their convoy to Lac La Biche for an overnight stay, losing on Saturday against Plamondon and winning on Sunday against Lac La Biche. The mighty Micro Novice chalked up a big win at home on Saturday against Frog Lake. Hat tricks for Kaysen DeMoissac and "Good Time Charlie" Lesyk. Raif Evans-Anderson, Madden "Mad Dog" Flamand, Codey Mackinley "Hurricane

Kayl" Warawa and Braylee "BJ" Lesyk all with two goals each. Sebastian Brousseau scoring a single. With his father Jason working in the time box, Lincoln "Park" Pankiw cruised by a few times with a big wave and smiles.



**doug
BASSETT**

Review Sports

Two points for the Atom Avalanche on Saturday morning at home against the Cold lake Freeze winning a really close one 9 to 8. "Mic Jager" Fontaine bobbing and weaving with a hat trick, going top shelf Jaden "Jet

Stream" Van Maarion with three too. Getting her nose dirty in front of the cage, Rylee "the Rocket" Warawa crashing the net tapping one in. Luke "Sky Walker" Poulin walking in with his patented slap shot for one. Lean and mean Dean "the Machine" Ockerman with a couple of the helpers, rookie Landon Malachowski assisting on the winning goal.

Sunday night the Atoms traveled to Marwayne to play in a provincial game. All over for them in one game against the tier one team. Maybe someday Hockey Alberta will figure it out?

Saturday night at home the Bantam Avalanche took on Irma Aces, winning this one

7 to 4. Hardhat worker Hayden "Hot wheels" Ludlage and his lunch box-carrying partner Angus McFarlane with two goals each. Chad "Pick Pocket" Poitras on a breakaway, scoring the go-ahead goal while short-handed. Nicholas "Sparky" Anderson and Austin "Astro" Axley adding icing on the cake with one each. Team captain "Warrior Warren" Ference, Brody "the Big O" Odgaard, Bradley Canning, Kaiden "K Rock" Evans-Anderson with the assists.

Penalties galore on Sunday for our bantams, who hit the pavement to the Border City "Astro" with two goals; sounds like the rest of the team didn't show up!

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Library falling in love with Valentine books

KASSANDRA MOORES

Elk Point Municipal Library

Elk Point Municipal Library is falling in love with all the Valentine books and on our new "Sweet Reads" Display. There you can find some stories that will fulfill your Valentine's Day spirit.

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5130-60 AVE.

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MLS#: E3400408

\$475,000



5126-60 AVE.

Another quality built home in Elk Point's newest residential subdivision. This 1570 sq. ft. home has many features that you may not see in a standard spec home. This includes insulated basement floor, styrofoam block foundation, large 26' x 26' heated garage with remote door opener, concrete driveway and sidewalk to the front door. The large kitchen has ample cabinets with granite countertops and the dishwasher and over the range microwave.

MLS#: E3400406

\$469,000



5321 RAVINE DR.

This home is located at the end of a cul-de-sac on three pie shaped lots with over 90 ft. of frontage and a very large back yard. The three bedroom home has a double attached garage with garage door opener. The park-like back yard is surrounded by large trees, has a greenhouse, 2 sheds, raised garden beds and a small kennel. Other features include: main floor laundry, a pellet stove in the basement, a wood stove in the living room and much more.

MLS#: E3400680

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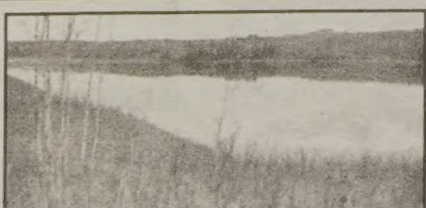


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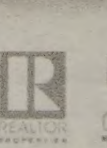
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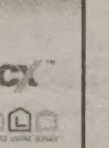
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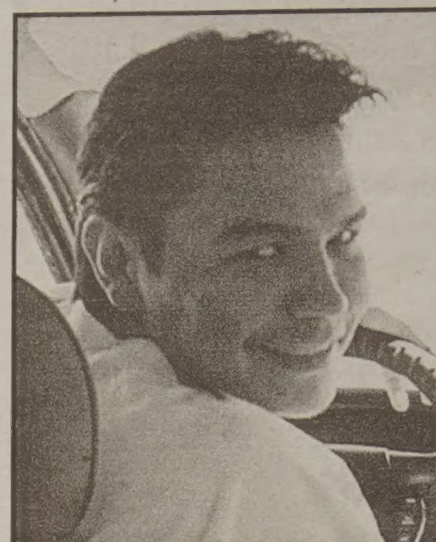
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OBITUARY

CARDINAL, John



On January 31, 2015, Mr. John Cardinal of Frog Lake, passed away at the age of 40 years.

He is survived by his children, John Brandon Lee, Kristen Southam, Keaton Southam, Roan Moosepayo, Linden Cardinal, Linkin Cardinal, Avalynn Cardinal & Kalen Cardinal; loving mother, Rose Irene Stanley of Frog Lake; uncles, Eugene Cardinal of Kehewin, Marvin Stanley, Ronald Stanley & Kevin Stanley all of Frog Lake; aunts, Brenda Cardinal of Kehewin & Lorraine Stanley of Frog Lake; 3 sisters & 1 brother, Beverly (Kelsey) Cardinal of Kehewin, Melvin Cardinal of Frog Lake, Destiny Cardinal of Goodfish Lake & Kimberley Cardinal of Edmonton; adopted brother, Cornell Tootoosis; adopted sister, Vivian McGilvery; numerous nieces & nephews. He was predeceased by his father, Melvin Cardinal; maternal grandparents, Annie Maria Stanley & William Peechow; paternal grandparents, John Peter Cardinal & Maryanne Cardinal; sister, Stephanie Cardinal; numerous aunts & uncles.

A Wake was held on Tuesday & Wednesday February 3 & 4 at Frog Lake Band Hall, Frog Lake. A Funeral Service was held on Thursday, February 5 at 11:00 a.m. at Frog Lake Band Hall, Frog Lake. Reverend Father Thomas Nguyen officiated, with interment in Clearwater Lake Cemetery, Frog Lake. To send condolences online, please visit www.gracegardensfuneralchapel.com.

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OBITUARY

TROTTIER, Peter Abraham



On February 2, 2015, Mr. Peter Abraham Trottier of Kehewin passed away at the age of 72 years.

He is survived by his loving wife Sylvia; children, Sidney Hunter, Peter (Shannon) Trottier Jr., Wayne McGilvery, Beatrice Chief, Diana (Donny) Trottier, Susanne (Clifton) Cross, Margaret Trottier, Nancy (Lance) Trottier, Joan (Steven) McGilvery, Eileen (Andrew) McGilvery, Bernice (Curtis) McGilvery & Bernie (Melda) McGilvery; 32 grandchildren; 6 great-grandchildren; adopted brother, Harrison Wolfchild; 4 sisters, Christina (Julien) Paul, Justine Trottier, Evelyn Cardinal (Phil Hunter) & Susan (Joe) Quinney; adopted sister, Audrey Pipestem; brother-in-law, Moise Paul; sister-in-law, Violet Trottier; numerous nieces & nephews; culturally adopted children, Henry Berland, Gary Berland, Florence Berland, Rose Berland, Linda Berland, Peggy Berland & Tommy Berland. He was predeceased by his daughter, Candace Scalplock; son, David Hunter; parents, Edward & Marie Trottier; 4 brothers, Lawrence Trottier, Thomas Trottier, Victor Trottier & Celeste Trottier; 2 sisters, Nancy Trottier & Rachel Gladue; 2 half-sisters, Delphine Amahoose & Lavina Moosewah.

A Wake was held on Thursday & Friday, February 5 & 6 at Kehewin Band Hall, Kehewin. A Cultural Service was held on Saturday, February 7 at 11:00 a.m. at Kehewin Band Hall, Kehewin. Interment followed in Our Lady of Mercy R. C. Cemetery, Kehewin. To send condolences online, please visit www.gracegardensfuneralchapel.com.

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Transportation is also an issue, and Capjack said the local handi-bus is not necessarily a solution, being difficult to park at many facilities, where seniors need help navigating to doctors' offices, and, it is impossible to synchronize appointments for multiple passengers. The town and county, along with community fundraisers, pay volunteer drivers for mileage, and this funding needs to be maintained by municipal allocation, she noted. More specialists to serve rural Alberta would require less transportation for patients and fewer delays in service.

Opportunities do exist to partner with schools to provide mental health services to children and youth, as the area has a high incidence of FASD and autism, Capjack said. "We would encourage Mental Health workers to plan a professional development day to educate all staff regarding the signs and symptoms of mental health issues and the coping skills to deal with them."

On seniors' care, the delegation felt improved communication regarding where to access services, funding via FCSS for 'soft supports' such as homemakers that would enable seniors to stay in their homes, assistance for caregivers, mobile units for eye and dental care and hearing assessment, and adequate staff and funding for home care services.

Rural health

"Stabilize the system, don't keep re-inventing the wheel," she concluded.

Anderson's presentation from the Alberta Council on Aging Region 2 dealt with these same issues.

A lack of understanding of what is needed to operate a rural health facility is a major issue, Anderson said. "Silent management, with supervisors up to five hours away, leads to untimely and poor decision making with little understanding of the situation, time delays due to layers of bureaucracy and the passing of the buck from one area of management to another." She cited examples of a need for a replacement operating table for St. Paul and of community volunteers in Lac La Biche raising \$47,000 to replace an aging bathtub for patients, with the new tub still in the crate almost two years after its arrival.

Management of human resources cannot and does not meet the staffing needs of smaller hospitals, she said. Offering part time instead of full time positions "contributes to poor morale and inefficiencies in the delivery of patient care," and recruitment of staff is a constant challenge leading to bed closures and loss of service, such as happened in Elk Point two years ago, which "skew the occupancy rates to insinuate that rural hospitals are not being utilized properly and

therefore are not needed," as was stated in a recent series of articles in the Edmonton Journal. "Nothing could be further from the truth." Ambulances, she noted, bring patients to small rural hospitals to be stabilized before they can be transported to Edmonton for further treatment.

Anderson said that the review committee emphasized that, "they do not plan to pay any attention to those articles," a fact that she felt was very positive.

Another problem is that more priority is placed on data collection than patient care, and Anderson feels "that time could and should be spent on patient care, not in front of a computer." Charting could be simplified, thus saving a considerable amount of money, she said. "An internal review of the amount of time wasted by professional staff doing data entry is critical," she emphasized.

Transportation, ambulance dispatching, accessible and affordable housing for seniors also were discussed in Anderson's presentation, and she urged action be taken to ensure the safety of residents in seniors' facilities, as most residents have mobility issues.

Both Capjack and Anderson felt the committee was "very supportive of what we brought forward, and they said the same things are being brought forward in all the communities."

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Review StaffTomorrow night will be a must-win situation for Elk Point Senior
Elks, who are currently down two games to one versus Two Hills
Longhorns in the first round of SaskAlta Hockey League playoffs.The Elks came off a big 12-0 win over Paradise Valley Jets in their
final game of the regular season, to go into the playoffs in fifth place,
one point behind Two Hills, for the season.Their first playoff game, last Wednesday in Two Hills, saw the Elks
off to a spectacular start with a 12-1 win, but after that rude awakening,
the Longhorns spent the next two games retaliating for their loss.On Friday the Elks traveled back to Two Hills, and were edged out
3-2. The Longhorns came to Elk Point on Saturday evening, and with a
huge and wildly enthusiastic crowd cheering on both sides, showed that
they were still bent on revenge, slamming home a shot early in the first
period and keeping the Elks at bay for almost half of the game.It wasn't until the 7:22 mark in the middle frame that Chevy Botting
scored for the Elks to tie the score, the home team adding another by
Lee Letestu, unassisted, just under four minutes later, and making it 3-1
in the Elks' favour with another goal with 4:38 left on the clock.Two Hills let the Elks bask in their glory for a full 11 minutes before
they made a comeback, narrowing the margin. A skirmish at the Elks
net with 6:42 left in the game injured goalie Travis Rolheiser, who had
to be helped off the ice after the referees declared the Two Hills goal
attempt in the middle of the action was invalid. Paul Boulianne took
over the net, with Two Hills sending the tying goal top shelf two and
a half minutes later, with a fourth goal giving the visitors the lead with
2:15 to go. The Elks pulled Boulianne to add another attacker, and
battled right to the end, when a fight erupted in front of the Two Hills
net as the final buzzer sounded.

Tomorrow's game goes at 8:30, with Game 5 in Two Hills Friday.

Storseth joins nomination race

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"I think to the best of my knowledge, I think there was a bit of a mis-

understanding and an interpretation of the rules to perhaps suit the local needs."

The party's constitution is very clear on timelines, he said, adding "these rules weren't followed." The local group had ended nominations on Jan. 26 in advance of a planned Feb. 21 nomination meeting, a violation of the party's rule that only 14 days was allowed to pass between these two dates.

When this fact was brought to the local nomination committee's notice, he said there was resistance to change.

He felt the easiest solution was to thank volunteers for their service, remove the nomination committee, and appoint a new committee from outside the constituency.

However, temporary president of the local riding Ron Rudkowsky

feels that the nomination committee had followed the rules.

Rudkowsky was the chair of the nomination committee, which included Ray Danyluk, Dennis Bergheim, Johnny Lypowy and Bart Clark.

The nomination committee was "literally begging" again and again for a date to set the nomination only to have PC Alberta continually put it off. Rudkowsky said the committee then set a preferred date of Feb. 7, which PC Alberta indicated would likely be OK, giving a verbal agreement but deferring a commitment until it had its executive meeting on Jan. 10.

"We got this verbal promise. That was the mistake we made;

we should have gotten it in writing," said Rudkowsky.

He said the committee went to work advertising the dates in five area newspapers, but after the advertisements had already gone out, PC Alberta came back stating the date of the election would be Feb. 21.

The chief returning officer, Don Schultz, consulted with PC Alberta, said Rudkowsky, and it was suggested that people signing nomination papers could sign a waiver agreeing to the change in dates. According to Rudkowsky, none of the candidates voiced opposition to the proposed dates and all signed the waiver.

But Charlebois said that option was never on the table — he had

only instructed Schultz to make sure the candidates were aware of the initial mix-up regarding the meeting date.

Rudkowsky said five nomination packages were handed out, and only four nomination packages were signed and returned on Jan. 26. He said he welcomed all the applications, as the more candidates that ran, the better the publicity for the party.

"Then PC Alberta for some reason or another, started to complain," he said. He said he tried to call Charlebois to have a discussion, and two days later, heard back.

"I got an ultimatum from him on Sunday night giving the nomination party a time to resign by noon the next day," he said. Since no one resigned, Charlebois sent out a communiqué and dismissed the nomination committee.

"We didn't tow the line as far as PC Alberta was concerned. We didn't say, 'Yes Master, yes Master,'" said Rudkowsky. As far as he was concerned, all the rules were followed, and all people interested in running had the information and were welcome to run.

Charlebois says he learned of the date issue after Jan. 26 because someone in the riding complained the process didn't follow the rules. While he couldn't state who made the complaint, he did say it was not made by anyone interested in entering the race themselves.

Charlebois says following the party constitution is hugely important — because if it's ignored, it could open the party up to liability.

But Rudkowsky said he's disappointed the local committee is getting the boot. Even though they didn't follow the constitution to the letter, he believes the local decision-making that guided the process should be honoured.

"The big issue here is how much decision making should be done locally, how much of it is going to be done in Edmonton from a tower there somewhere."

But he remained committed to the party, saying he felt Alberta was well-governed, despite the difficulties he had faced with PC Alberta. "Of course I'm frustrated and disappointed but I have to accept it."

Charlebois encouraged people interested to come for the March 14 election, saying it would be an open and fair process that followed the rules.

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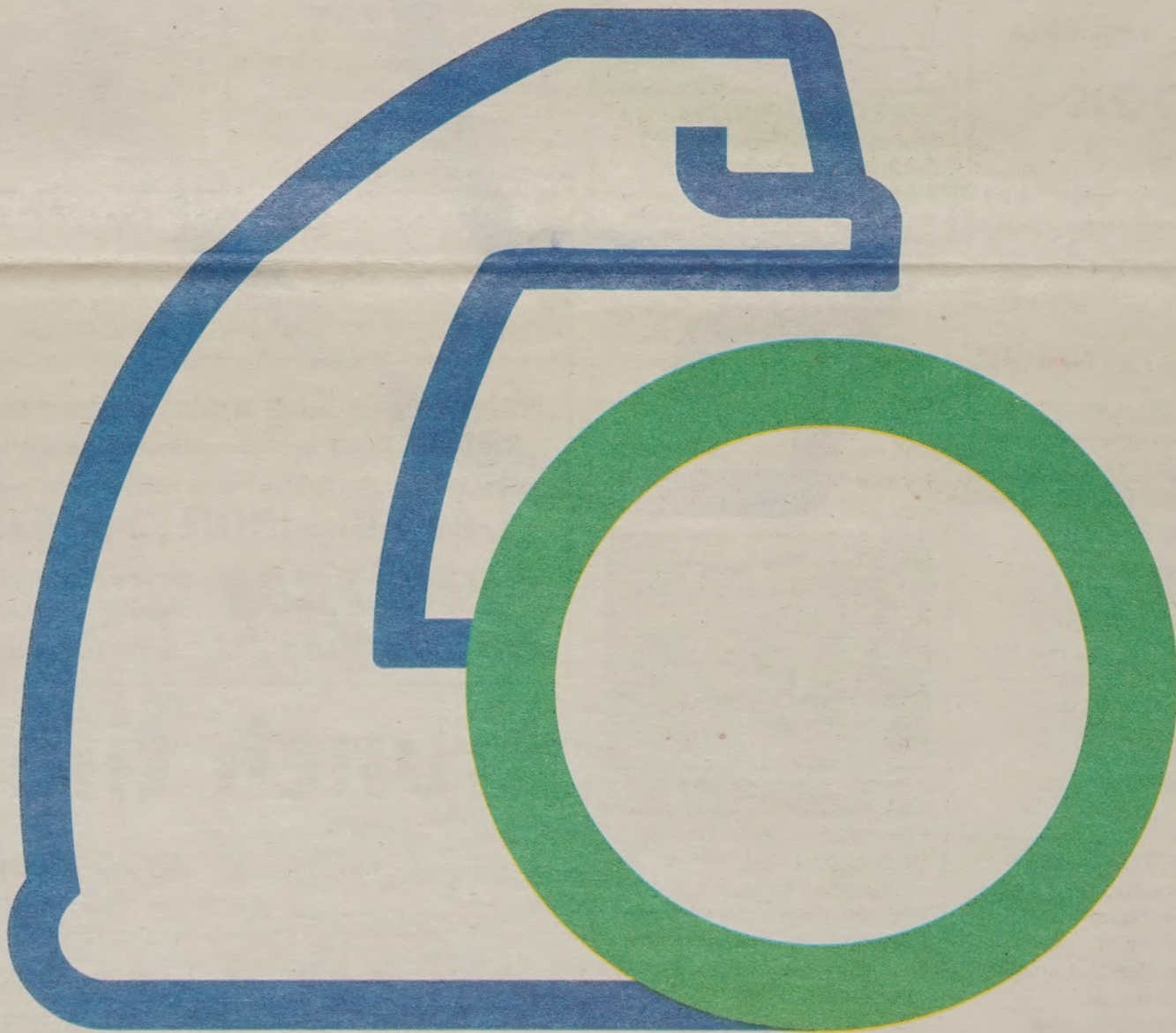


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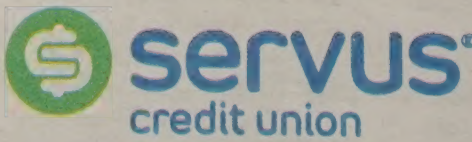
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